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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals the final rejection mailed October 10, 2003 of Claims 4-7, 11-13 and 15-27. The Applicant believes there is no fee due at this time since the Notice of Appeal has already been paid on July 10, 2002. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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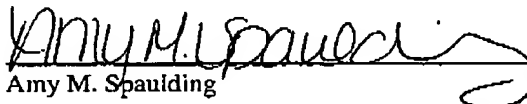
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